2.0 SOURCE ASSESSMENT

Waters of the Christina River Basin are used for recreation, public water supply, and to support aquatic life. Some of these uses are threatened due to impairment caused by point and nonpoint sources of bacteria and sediment. PADEP and DNREC identified the impaired stream segments based on historical monitoring data and biological integrity field surveys. The two state agencies use different bacterial indicators in their respective water quality standards for pathogens. Pennsylvania uses fecal coliform bacteria as an indicator of bacteria contamination whereas, Delaware uses enterococcus bacteria. While both states list waterbodies for bacteria impairments, only Pennsylvania lists waterbodies for sediment, suspended solids, or siltation impairments.

Fecal coliform is a specific kind of coliform bacteria found primarily in the intestinal tracts of mammals and birds. These bacteria are usually released into the environment through human and animal feces. The presence of fecal coliform bacteria pollution may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife, and human sewage. If present in high concentrations in recreational waters and are ingested while swimming or enter the skin through a cut or sore, fecal coliform may cause disease, infections, or rashes.

Enterococcus is a common bacterium normally found in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals including humans. The presence of enterococci in surface water samples is used as an indicator of the presence of human sewage. Enterococci have a greater correlation with swimming-associated gastrointestinal illness in both marine and fresh waters than other bacterial indicator organisms, and are less likely to die off in saltwater.

A customized modeling framework was developed to support determination of bacteria and sediment TMDLs for the Christina River Basin. The modeling framework used in this study consisted of three major components: (1) a watershed loading model (Hydrolic Systems Program Fortran (HSPF) developed for each of the four primary subwatersheds in the Christina River Basin by the USGS (Senior and Koerkle, 2003a, 2003b, 2003c, 2003d), (2) a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) flow model (XP-SWMM) developed by the City of Wilmington, and (3) a hydrodynamic model developed using the computational framework of the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Code (EFDC) (Hamrick, 1992). Development of inputs for these models involved the analyses of historical water quality and streamflow data to estimate point and nonpoint sources of bacteria and sediment.

2.1 Point Sources

The term "point source" refers to any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, such as a pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, discrete fissure, or container including vessels or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged. The point source also includes concentrated animal feeding operations, places where animals are confined and fed. Storm water runoff from certain areas may also be considered a point source because the water is transported through a pipe or ditch.

Estimating the transport of sediments and pathogens into a surface waterbody from most point sources is a fairly straightforward matter. Wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs), CSOs, and municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) discharge though a constructed conveyance to a waterbody. Many of the pathogen organisms transported to WWTPs are removed during the treatment process, and permit limits are established to ensure that WWTPs meet water quality standards. However, in some instances failures or leaks may occur, or a wet weather event may create flows that exceed the capacity of the WWTP or CSO. This can lead to a discharge of contaminated water exceeding the permitted limits into the river system. MS4s discharge to waterbodies without being treated by a WWTP.

2.1.1 Wastewater Treatment Plants

Treated industrial and municipal sewage can be a point source of sediment and bacterial contamination. Not all human pathogens or sediment are removed or rendered harmless by treatment processes. Periodic effluent overflows and high-flow bypass in WWTPs can cause occasional high loading of pathogens. Raw sewage entering the WWTP typically has a total coliform count ranging from 10⁷ to 10⁹ cfu/100 mL (Novotny et al., 1989). Associated with raw sewage are proportionally high concentrations of pathogenic bacteria, viruses and protozoans. A typical wastewater treatment plant reduces the total coliform count by about three orders of magnitude. The magnitude of reduction, however, varies with the treatment process.

Treatment of municipal waste is generally identified as primary, secondary or advanced (also called tertiary) treatment, although the distinctions are somewhat arbitrary. Primary treatment involves removing suspended solids with screens and the use of gravity settling ponds followed by disinfection. Most protozoan cysts settle out in ponds after 11 days due to their size (EPA, 2001). Secondary treatment uses biological treatment to decompose organic matter to cell material and by-products, and the subsequent removal of cell matter, usually by gravity settling. Activated sludge processes involve the production of an activated mass of microorganisms capable of stabilizing waste aerobically. Secondary treatment by activated sludge typically reduces bacteria concentrations by 90 to 99 percent.

Tertiary treatment is any practice beyond secondary treatment and is very effective in destroying most pathogens. Tertiary treatment can include disinfection, filtration, and coagulation. Disinfection is the most common treatment technique to combat waterborne diseases, and the most frequently used disinfectant is chlorine (EPA, 2001). Chlorine kills many microbes, including most pathogens, except protozoan cysts, which are resistant to chlorine. Other disinfectants used are ozone, ultraviolet light, and iodine.

As authorized by the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. The locations of NPDES facilities in the Christina River Basin are shown in Figure 2-1 and listed in Table 2-1. The fecal coliform bacteria, enterococci bacteria, and total suspended solids loads for each of the NPDES facilities, based on permit flow rate, are provided in Table 2-2. Note that fecal coliform bacteria were not simulated for the Delaware or Maryland NPDES facilities.

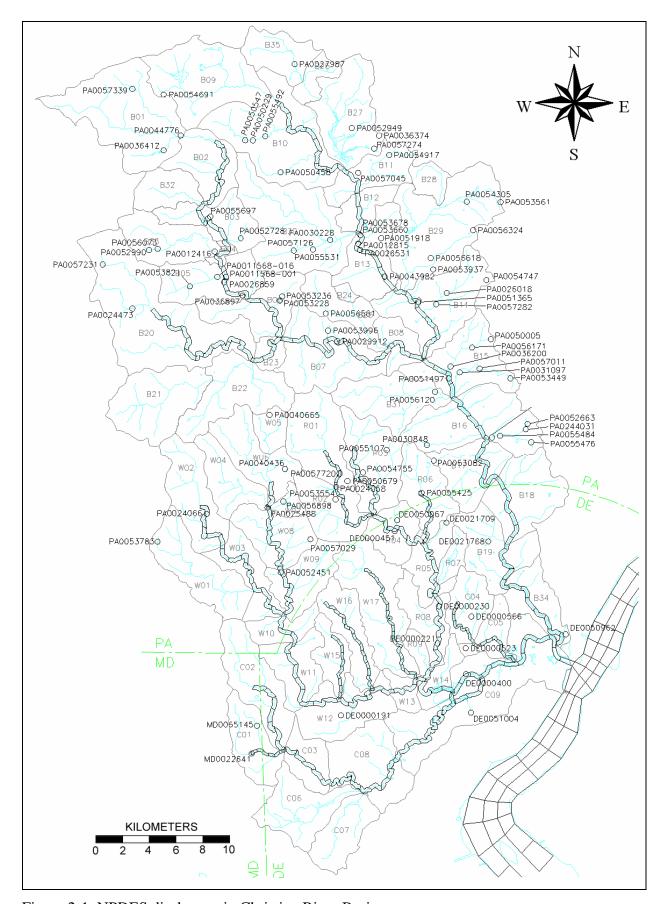


Figure 2-1. NPDES discharges in Christina River Basin

Table 2-1. NPDES point source discharges in Christina River Basin

Table 2-1. NPDES point source discharges in Christina River Basin (continued).

RIVER CELL NPDES MILE I, J NUMBER	FLOWLIM MGD CODE OWNER	STREAM	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
111.038 23,79 PA0011568-0 111.038 23,79 PA0053821 112.282 20,79 PA0012416 112.282 20,79 PA0052990 112.282 20,79 PA0052093 113.526 18,79 PA0052728 114.770 16,79 PA0055697 120.368 06,79 PA0036412 120.368 06,79 PA0044776	h 0.0000 SWR Richard M. Armstrong Co. 0.1000 STP Embreeville Hospital 0.0005 SRD Redmond Michael 0.0005 SRD Gramm Jeffery 0.0005 SRD Woodward Raymond Sr. STP 0.3900 ATP1 South Coatesville Borough 3.8500 ATP1 Coatesville City Authority 01 0.5000 IND ISG Plate LLC 16 0.5000 IND ISG Plate LLC 0.0000 SWR Chester County Aviation Inc. 0.1400 WFP PA American Water 0.0005 SRD Witchell Rodney 0.0005 SRD Vreeland Russell Dr. 0.0004 STP Farmland Industries Inc./Turke 0.0490 STP Spring Run Estates 0.0550 STP Tel Hai Retirement Communit 0.6000 STP NW Chester Co. Municipal Au 0.0005 SRD Brian & Cheryl Davidson	TB-WB Brandywin WB Brandywine Cre WB Brandywine WB Brandywine Sucker Run Sucker Run Sucker Run Rock Run Rock Run HB Rock Run Brandywine WB Brandywine WB Brandywine Cre TB-WB Brand	reek Mine Creek eek Mu vine Creek Creek Industria Com Industri Municipa Municipa Coek Codywine Creek eek Codywine Creek	Municipal Single Residence STP nicipal Single Residence STP k Municipal Single Residence STP Municipal Large STP Municipal Large STP al Large STP al Large STP al Large STP mercial Stormwater ial Water Filtration Plant-Backwash I Single Residence STP ipal Single Residence STP i Industrial Small STP mercial Small STP mercial Small STP mercial Small STP
120.368 06,79 PA0057339 Buck Run 117.041 33,61 PA0024473 117.041 33,61 PA0057231	0.7000 STP Parkersburg Borough Authorit		Run	ek Municipal Single Residence STP Municipal Small STP-discontinued 06/10/97 icipal Single Residence STP
Christina River (tidal) 82.274 45,13 DE0000400-00 83.561 43,09 DE0051004	01 0.0000 NCW Ciba-Geigy Corp. 0.0000 SWR Boeing		Indust	trial Cooling Water Stormwater
Christina River West Branch 99.587 16,09 MD0065145 100.209 14,09 MD0022641 Red Clay Creek	0.0500 STP Highlands WWTP 0.4500 STP Meadowview Utilities, Inc.			
89.828 43,26 DE0000221-00 89.828 43,26 DE0000221-00 91.746 43,29 DE0000230-00 95.583 43,35 DE0021709-00 96.861 43,37 PA0055425 98.780 43,40 DE0050067 98.780 43,40 DE000451-00 101.337 43,44 PA0055107	01 0.0060 NCW HAVEG/AMTEK (eliminat) 03 0.0040 NCW HAVEG/AMTEK (eliminat) 01 0.3500 NCW Hercules Inc. 01 0.0150 STP Greenville Country Club 0.0005 SRD D'Ambro Anthony JrLot #22 0.0015 STP Center for Creative Arts 02 2.1700 NCW NVF Yorklyn 0.1500 STP East Marlborough Township S	ted July 1996) Red 0 ted July 1996) Red 0 Red Clay Creek TB-Red Clay Cr TB-EB Red Cl TB-Red Clay Creek Red Clay Creek Red Clay Creek	Clay Cree Clay Cree Industr reek M ay Creek Mun Indus Clay Cree	ck Industrial Cooling Water ck Industrial Cooling Water ial Cooling Water funicipal Small STP Municipal Single Residence STP icipal Small STP strial Stormwater/Cooling Water ck Municipal Large STP
104.579 28,43 PA0057720-0 White Clay Creek		WB Ked Clay VVF) TB-WB Red WB-Red Clay C WB-Red Clay C	Creek l Clay Cre reek I Creek	rial Stormwater Municipal Large STP eek Industrial Cooling Water ndustrial Mushroom Canning/Process Water Industrial Mushroom Canning/Cooling Water
102.824 15,18 PA0053783 108.696 06,18 PA0024066	01 0.0300 NCW FMC Corp. 0.0200 STP Avon Grove School Dist 0.2500 STP West Grove Borough Authorit	TB-WB White Cl y STP MB White C	lay Creek Clay Cree	Commercial Small STP k Municipal Large STP

Table 2-1. NPDES point source discharges in Christina River Basin (continued).

RIVER CELL NPDES MILE I, J NUMBER	FLOWLIM MGD CODE OWNER	STREAM	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
White Clay Creek East Branch				
102.750 19,24 PA0052451	0.0012 STP Frances L. Hamilton Oates ST	P FR White Clas	v Creek	Municipal Small STP
104.020 19,26 PA0057029	0.1440 GWC Hewlett Packard Co	Fount Run	GWC	eanun Groundwater Cleanun
104.020 19,20 1A0037029 106.560 19,30 PA0025488	0.1440 GWC Hewlett Packard Co. 0.3000 ATP2 Avondale Borough Sewer Au	thority Indian Run	OWCI	Municipal Large STP
106.560 19,30 PA0056898	0.0650 IND To-Jo Mushrooms Inc.	Trout Run	Industr	ial Small STP-online Jan 98
107.830 19,32 PA0040436	0.0090 STP Chadds Ford Investment Co./R	Red Fox GC TR-FR W	Vhite Clay	Creek Municipal Small STP
107.830 19,32 PA0040665	0.0100 STP Stone Barn Restuarantand Apt	Cplx EB White Cl	av Creek	Commercial Small STP
Little Mill Creek	0.0100 B11 Blone Burn Restauruntana ript	. Cpix ED White Ci	uj Creek	Commercial Small S11
	1 0.0000 SWR General Motors Assembly	Little Mill Cr	eek It	ndustrial Stormwater
83.373 38.55 DE0000566	0.0000 SWR DuPont Chestnut Run	Little Mill Creek		trial Stormwater/Cooling Water
Delaware River				
63.839 57,04 DE0021555-00	1 0.5500 MUN Delaware City STP	Delaware River	Mu	nicipal
65.272 57,05 DE0000256-60	1 13.0000 IND Star Enterprises	Delaware River	Industr	
65.272 57,05 DE0000612-00	1 0.8000 IND Formosa Plastics Corp.	Delaware River	Indu	ıstrial
65.272 57,05 DE0020001-00	1 0.6800 MUN Standard Chlorine	Delaware River		icipal
65.272 57,05 DE0050911-00	1 0.3000 MUN Occidental Chemical Corp.	Delaware Riv		Municipal
75.237 57,15 DE0020320-00	1 90.0000 MUN City of Wilmington	Delaware River	Mu	nicipal
77.162 57,17 DE0000051-00	1 5.2000 IND Dupont-Edgemoor	Delaware River		strial
77.162.57.17 DE0000051-00	2. 3.0000 IND. Dupont-Edgemoor	Delaware River		strial
77.162 57,17 DE0000051-00	3 6.0000 IND Dupont-Edgemoor	Delaware River		strial
81.307 57,20 DE0000655-00	3 6.0000 IND Dupont-Edgemoor 1 33.3000 IND General Chemical Corporati	on Delaware Ri	ver	Industrial
83.907 57,22 PA0012637-00	2 52.3500 IND Bayway Manufacturing 1 69.8000 IND Bayway Manufacturing	Delaware Rive	r <u>I</u> n	dustrial SEE NOTE 1 dustrial SEE NOTE 1 lustrial SEE NOTE 1
83.907 57,22 PA0012637-10	1 69.8000 IND Bayway Manufacturing	Delaware Rive	r In	dustrial SEE NOTE 1
83.907 57,22 PA0012637-20	1 3.3400 IND Bayway Manufacturing	Delaware River	i lino	lustrial SEE NOTE I
85.199 57,23 PA002/103-00	1 3.3400 IND Bayway Manufacturing 1 44.0000 MUN Delcora 1 0.5000 IND Monsanto	Delaware River	Municip	al
82.639 58,21 NJ0005045-00	U.5000 IND Monsanto	Delaware River		
63.839 59,04 NJ0024856-001	1.4450 MUN City of Salem	Delaware River	Munici	pai SEE NOTE 1
09.554 59,09 NJ0021598-001	2.4650 MUN Pennsville Sewage Authorit	y Delaware Riv		Municipal SEE NOTE 1
75.339 39,12 NJ0003100-001	22.9000 IND Dupont-Chambers Works	Delaware Riv		ndustrial SEE NOTE 1
76.045 50 16 NIO024022 001	1.7290 MUN Carneys Pt. Sewage Author 0.9500 MUN Penns Grove Sewage Author	nity Delawate Ki	vei	Municipal SEE NOTE 1 Municipal SEE NOTE 1
77.162 59,17 NJ0024635-001	0.0366 MUN Fort Dix/Pedricktown Facili	ity Delaware Riv	or N	
79.919 59,19 NJ0004286-001			dustrial	Municipal SEE NOTE 1
82.639 59,21 NJ0027545-001		Delaware Riv		Municipal SEE NOTE 1
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MOTEC.				

- NOTES: [1] No flow limit available in PCS data base; flow limit shown is maximum reported flow during 01/01/95 to 12/31/98
 - [2] No flow limit or reported flow available in PCS data base; flow limit shown is an estimate

Table 2-2. Fecal coliform, *enterococci*, and TSS loads for NPDES facilities

	HSPF Subbasin	Flow	TSS	Fecal Coliform	Enterococci	TSS	Fecal Coliform	Enterococci
NPDES Number	Oubbasiii	(mgd)	(mg/L)	(cfu/100mL)	(cfu/100mL)	(kg/day)	(cfu/day)	(cfu/day)
Brandywine Creek main stem	· L	<u> </u>		, , , , ,	,		, , ,	<u> </u>
DE0021768	B19	0.0250	15		100	1.42		9.464E+07
PA0053082	B17	0.0206	10	200	100	0.78	1.560E+08	7.798E+07
PA0052663	B16	0.0900	10	200	100	3.41	6.814E+08	3.407E+08
PA0055476	B16	0.0400	10	200	100	1.51	3.028E+08	1.514E+08
PA0244031	B16	0.1500	30	200	100	17.03	1.136E+09	5.678E+08
PA0055484	B16	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0030848	B16	0.0063	30	200	100	0.72	4.770E+07	2.385E+07
PA0056120	B31	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0031097	B15	0.0170	20	200	100	1.29	1.287E+08	6.435E+07
PA0053449	B15	0.1500	30	200	100	17.03	1.136E+09	5.678E+08
PA0057011	B15	0.0773	30	200	100	8.78	5.852E+08	2.926E+08
PA0036200	B15	0.0320	30	200	100	3.63	2.423E+08	1.211E+08
PAG0050005	B15	0.1400	10	2	2	5.30	1.060E+07	1.060E+07
PA0051497	B15	0.0300	10	2	2	1.14	2.271E+06	2.271E+06
PA0056171	B15	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
Brandywine Creek East Branch	1 2.0	0.0000			.00	0.0 .	0.7002.00	
PA0026018	B14	1.5000	30	200	100	170.34	1.136E+10	5.678E+09
PA0057282	B14	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0051365	B14	0.3690	20	2	2	27.94	2.794E+07	2.794E+07
PA0053937	B29	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0056324	B29	0.0440	10	2	2	1.67	3.331E+06	3.331E+06
PA0056618	B29	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0053561	B29	0.0360	10	2	2	1.36	2.725E+06	2.725E+06
PA0043982	B13	0.4000	30	200	100	45.42	3.028E+09	1.514E+09
PA0012815	B13	1.0280	50	200	100	194.57	7.783E+09	3.891E+09
PA0026531	B13	7.5000	30	200	100	810.15	5.687E+10	2.839E+10
PA0030228	B30	0.0225	20	200	100	1.70	1.703E+08	8.517E+07
PA0051918	B13	0.1440	10	2	2	5.45	1.090E+07	1.090E+07
PA0055531	B30	0.0007	30	200	100	0.08	5.300E+06	2.650E+06
PA0054917	B11	0.4750	20	200	100	35.96	3.596E+09	1.798E+09
PA0036374	B27	0.0150	30	200	100	1.70	1.136E+08	5.678E+07
PA0057274	B27	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0050458	B10	0.0351	20	200	100	2.66	2.657E+08	1.329E+08
PA0057827	B10	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0050547	B10	0.0375	20	200	100	2.84	2.839E+08	1.420E+08
PA0055492	B10	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0052949	B10	0.0030	20	2	2	0.23	2.271E+05	2.271E+05
PA0027987	B10	0.0050	20	200	100	0.38	3.785E+07	1.893E+07
PA0054691	B09	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
Brandywine Creek West Branch	1	L		Į.				
PA0029912	B07	0.1000	30	200	100	11.36	7.571E+08	3.785E+08
PA0053996	B07	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0053228	B06	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0053236	B06	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0036897	B05	0.3900	30	200	100	44.29	2.953E+09	1.476E+09
PA0026859	B05	3.8500	30	200	100	437.22	2.915E+10	1.457E+10
	B05	0.6400	30	200	100	72.68	4.845E+09	2.423E+09
PA0011568-001								
PA0011568-001 PA0011568-016	B05	0.5045	30	200	100	57.29	3.819E+09	1.910E+09

	HSPF Subbasin	Flow	TSS	Fecal Coliform	Enterococci	TSS	Fecal Coliform	Enterococci
NPDES Number		(mgd)	(mg/L)	(cfu/100mL)	(cfu/100mL)	(kg/day)	(cfu/day)	(cfu/day)
PA0012416	B33	0.1400	20	2	2	10.60	1.060E+07	1.060E+07
PA0052990	B33	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0052728	B03	0.0004	30	200	100	0.05	3.028E+06	1.514E+06
PA0055697	B03	0.0490	30	200	100	5.56	3.710E+08	1.855E+08
PA0036412	B01	0.0550	28	200	100	5.83	4.164E+08	2.082E+08
PA0044776	B01	0.6000	30	200	100	68.14	4.542E+09	2.271E+09
PA0057339	B01	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
PA0057231	B20	0.0005	20	200	100	0.04	3.785E+06	1.893E+06
Christina River								
MD0022641	C01	0.7000	30		100	79.49		2.650E+09
MD0065145	C01	0.0500	30		100	5.68		1.893E+08
DE0020230	C09	0.3500	7		2	9.27		2.650E+07
Red Clay Creek								
DE0021709	R05	0.0150	15		100	0.85		5.678E+07
PA0055425	R06	0.0005	20	200		0.04	3.785E+06	0.000E+00
DE0050067	R04	0.0015	30		100	0.17		5.678E+06
DE0000451	R04	2.1700	20		2	164.29		1.643E+08
PA0055107	R03	0.1500	30	200	100	17.03	1.136E+09	5.678E+08
PA0053554	R02	0.0000	100	200	100	0.00	0.000E+00	0.000E+00
PA0024058	R02	1.1000	30	200	100	124.92	8.328E+09	4.164E+09
PA0050679	R01	0.2500	10	2	2	9.46	1.893E+07	1.893E+07
PA0057720-001	R01	0.0720	30	200	100	8.18	5.451E+08	2.725E+08
PA0057720-002	R01	0.0900	10	2	2	3.41	6.814E+06	6.814E+06
White Clay Creek								
DE0000191	W12	0.0300	10		2	1.14		2.271E+06
PA0053783	W01	0.0200	10	200	100	0.76	1.514E+08	7.571E+07
PA0024066	W02	0.2500	30	200	100	28.39	1.893E+09	9.464E+08
PA0052451	W09	0.0012	30	200	100	0.14	9.085E+06	4.542E+06
PA0057029	W08	0.1440	10	2	2	5.45	1.090E+07	1.090E+07
PA0025488	W06	0.3000	30	200	100	34.07	2.271E+09	1.136E+09
PA0056898	W07	0.0650	30	200	100	7.38	4.921E+08	2.461E+08
PA0040436	W06	0.0090	20	200	100	0.68	6.814E+07	3.407E+07
PA0040665	W05	0.0100	20	200	100	0.76	7.571E+07	3.785E+07

2.1.2 Combined Sewer Overflows

Combined sewer systems (CSSs) are sewers that are designed to collect rainwater runoff, domestic sewage, and industrial wastewater in the same pipe. Most of the time, CSSs transport all of their wastewater to a sewage treatment plant, where it is treated and then discharged to a waterbody. However, during periods of heavy rainfall or snowmelt (wet weather) the combined storm water and wastewater volume can exceed the capacity of the sewer system or treatment plant. For this reason, CSSs are designed to overflow occasionally and discharge excess wastewater directly to nearby streams, rivers, or other waterbodies. These overflows, referred to as combined sewer overflows (CSOs), contains storm water and untreated human and industrial waste, toxic materials, and debris. CSOs typically discharge for short periods of time at random intervals due to their association with wet weather events.

There are 38 CSO outfalls in the vicinity of the city of Wilmington. Bacteria loads from these CSOs were determined using the flow rates calculated by the XP-SWMM model and event mean concentrations measured during two storm events in 2003.

2.1.3 Storm Water Phase II Communities

Storm water runoff can contribute bacteria and other pollutants to a waterbody. Material can collect on streets, rooftops, parking lots, sidewalks, yards and parks and then during a precipitation event this material can be flushed into gutters, drains and culverts and be discharged into a waterbody.

As part of the 1987 amendments to the CWA, Congress added Section 402(p) to the Act to cover discharges composed entirely of storm water. Section 402(p)(2) of the CWA requires permit coverage for discharges associated with industrial activity and discharges from large and medium municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s). Large MS4s serve populations over 250,000 and medium MS4s serve populations between 100,000 and 250,000. These discharges are referred to as Phase I MS4 discharges. EPA issued regulations on December 8, 1999 (64 FR 68722), expanding the NPDES storm water program to include discharges from smaller MS4s, including all systems within urbanized areas and other systems serving populations less than 100,000 as well as storm water discharges from construction sites that disturb one to five acres, with opportunities for area-specific exclusions. This expansion is referred to as Phase II of the MS4 program.

Storm water discharges that are regulated under Phase I and Phase II of the NPDES MS4 program are point sources that must be included in the WLA portion of a TMDL. Storm water discharges not currently subject to Phase I or Phase II of the MS4 program are not required to obtain NPDES permits. Therefore, for regulatory purposes, are analogous to nonpoint sources and are included in the LA portion of a TMDL.

An EPA Memorandum from Robert Wayland and James Hanlon, Water Division Directors, dated November 22, 2002, (see Appendix B) clarified existing regulatory requirements for MS4s connected with TMDLs). The key points are:

- NPDES-regulated MS4 discharges must be included in the WLA component of the TMDL and may not be addressed by the LA component of TMDL.
- The stormwater allotment can be a gross allotment and does not need to be apportioned to specific outfalls.
- Industrial storm water permits need to reflect technology-based and water quality-based requirements.

Most of the townships and boroughs within the Christina River Basin in Chester County and all of New Castle County are covered by the Phase II MS4 program regulations. The delineation of the storm water collection system contributing areas within each municipality has not been completed at the present time. Therefore, it is not possible to assign a WLA specific to the storm sewer collection areas within each MS4 municipality. Instead, the TMDL will be presented as a WLA for the entire land area of the township, borough, or county. In the future, when the storm sewer collection systems have been delineated, it is anticipated that the State's storm water program will revise the WLA into the appropriate WLA and LA as part of the storm water permit reissuance. Note that the overall reductions in the TMDL will not change.

Runoff from urban areas may carry significant loads of bacteria and sediment and increased storm runoff flows may cause streambed and bank erosion. To assess the relative loads of bacteria and sediment from different land uses within municipal boundaries, it was important to have an inventory of municipal land use data as a proportion of the HSPF subbasins in which the municipality resides. Since the 1995 land use data available for assessing the municipalities is different than the land use categories used by the USGS to develop their HSPF models of Christina River Basin, an aggregated land use was developed for this purpose as shown in Table 2-3. A list of MS4 municipalities in the study area is provided in Table 2-4 and their locations are shown in Figure 2-2.

Table 2-3. Aggregated land use categories used for MS4 assessments

Aggregated Land Use for MS4 Assessments	HSPF Land Use	1995 Land Use
Residential	Residential-septic Residential-sewer	Single family Multi-family
Agricultural	Agricultural-cows Agricultural-crops Agricultural-mushroom	Agriculture
Open Land	Open land	Public/private open space
Forest	Forest	Wooded
Water	Wetlands, water	Water
Urban	Commercial/industry Undesignated use Roads, building-residential Roads, building-urban	Vacant Transportation/utility Unknown Institutional Industrial Commercial Mining

Table 2-4. Municipalities with MS4 permits in the Christina River Basin

Permit Number	Municipality Name	HSPF Model Subbasins
PAG130079	Avondale Borough	W04, W06, W07, W08
PAG130047	Birmingham Township	B15, B16
PAG130053	Caln Township	B03, B30, B12
PAG130142	Chadds Ford Township	B16, B17, B18
PAG130066	City of Coatesville	B05
PAG130140	Downingtown Borough	B12, B13, B30
PAI130523	East Bradford Township	B08, B14, B15, B29
PAI130524	East Brandywine Township	B10, B11, B12, B30
PAI130536	East Caln Township	B13, B29
PAI130512	East Fallowfield Township	B05, B06, B20, B23
PAG130123	East Marlborough Township	B07, B22, B31, R01, R03
PAG130058	Franklin Township Chester County	W01, W03, W08, C02
PAI130535	Honey Brook Township	B01, B02, B09
PAG130037	Kennett Square Borough	R01, R03
PAG130146	Kennett Township	B16, B17, R01, R02, R03,R04, R06, W17
PAG130062	London Britain Township	W03, W09, W10, W11, C02

Permit Number	Municipality Name	HSPF Model Subbasins
PAI130503	London Grove Township	W02, W03, W04, W05, W06,W08
PAI130516	New Garden Township	W06, W07, W08, W09, R01, R02
PAI130526	New London Township	W01, W02
PAI130539	Penn Township	W01, W02
PAG130134	Pennsbury Township	B16, B17, B31, R06
PAG130113	Pocopson Township	B07, B08, B15, B31
PAG130101	Sadsbury Township	B20
PAG130163	South Coatesville Borough	B05, B06
PAG130067	Thornbury Township	B15, B16
PAI130527	Upper Uwchlan Township	B10, B11, B27
PAI130505	Uwchlan Township	B11, B12, B27, B29
PAG130150	Valley Township	B03, B04, B05, B33
PAI130529	Wallace Township	B09, B10, B26, B27, B35
PAI130511	West Bradford Township	B06, B07, B08, B13, B14, B24, B25, B30
PAG130100, PAI130544	West Brandywine Township	B02, B03, B10, B30
PAG130145	West Caln Township	B01, B02, B03, B20, B32, B33
PAG130002	West Chester Borough	B14, B15
PAG130144	West Grove Borough	W02, W04
PAI130530	West Whiteland Township	B28, B29
DE0051071	City of Wilmington, DE	B34, C05
DE0051071	Elsmere, DE	C04, C05
DE0051071	Newport, DE	C09
DE0051071	City of Newark, DE	W11, W12, C01, C02, C03
DE0051071	New Castle County, DE	B17, B18, B19, B34, R04, R05, R06, R07, R08, R09, W09, W10, W11, W12, W13, W14, W15, W16, W17, C01, C02, C03, C04, C05, C06, C07, C08, C09

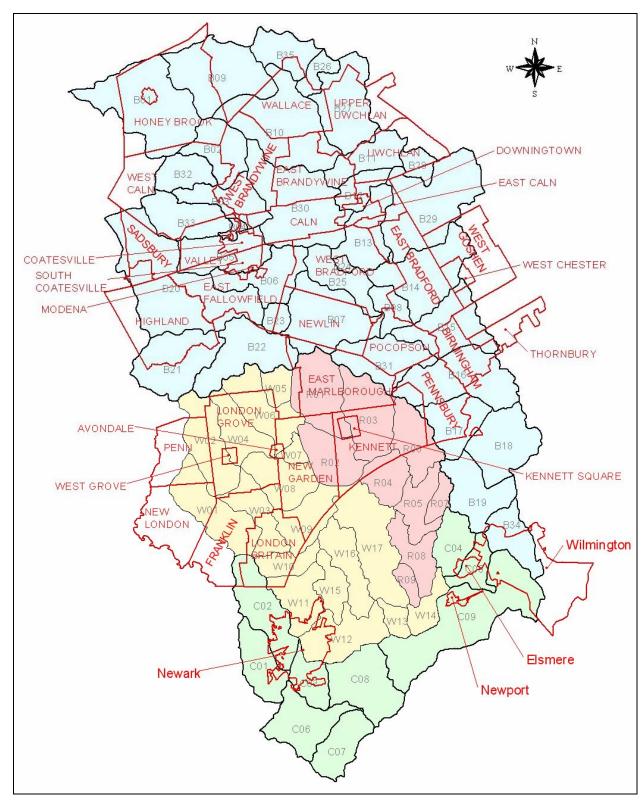


Figure 2-2. Municipalities with MS4 permits in Christina River Basin

2.2 **Nonpoint Sources**

Nonpoint sources of sediment and bacteria are generally much more difficult to identify and quantify than are point sources. In residential and urban areas, nonpoint sources can include leaking or faulty septic systems, landfill seepage, pet waste, storm water runoff (outside of Phase II communities) and other sources. In more rural areas, major contributors can be pasture runoff, manure storage and spreading, concentrated animal feedlots, and wildlife.

2.2.1 Septic Systems

Septic systems that are properly designed and maintained should not serve as a source of contamination to surface waters. However, septic systems do fail for a variety of reasons. Common soil-type limitations that contribute to septic system failure include seasonal high water table levels, compact glacial till, bedrock, and coarse sand and gravel outwash. When septic systems fail hydraulically (surface breakouts) or hydrogeologically (inadequate soil filtration) there can be adverse effects to surface waters down gradient (Horsely and Witten, 1996).

Site-specific information on the locations or numbers of septic systems in Chester County was not available. A GIS database maintained by DNREC contained information on the number of septic systems in the New Castle County portion of the Christina River Basin for the years 1997 and 2004. This inventory was interpolated and extrapolated to estimate the number of septic systems in 1990, 1995, and 2005 (see Table 2-3). Estimates of the bacteria loads from septic systems will be based on the assumptions outlined below:

- Number of septic systems (based on US Census 1990 and 2000 and DNREC GIS database)
- Estimated population served by the septic systems (an average of 2.8 people per septic system, US Census 1990)
- An average daily discharge of 70 gallons/person/day (Horsley and Witten, 1996)
- Septic effluent fecal coliform concentration of 1.0E+07 cfu/100mL bacteria concentration (Powelson and Mills, 2001) from malfunctioning septic systems
- Septic effluent enterococcus concentration of 8.0E+05 cfu/100mL from malfunctioning septic systems
- Septic effluent concentrations of 200 cfu/100mL (fecal coliform) and 100 cfu/100mL (*enterococci*) from properly functioning septic systems

The number of septic tanks in Chester County was estimated from US Census data (obtained online from http://factfinder.census.gov/). Examination of the number of housing units in rural areas in the two counties reported in the 1990 U.S. Census revealed that approximately each rural housing unit has a septic system (see Table 2-5). Since no septic system information was available from the 2000 US Census data, estimates were made based on information from the Chester County Health Department (CCHD, 2005). In Chester County, approximately 1,500 permits for septic systems are issued every year of which about 600 of are for repair work and 1,100 are for new permits. The total number of septic systems in Chester County in 2005 was estimated as about 69,000 based on the number in 1990 plus 1,100 new systems per year. Since about 80 percent of the septic systems in Chester County are within the Christina River Basin, there were about 55,200 septic systems in the Chester County portion of the basin in 2005.

Table 2-5. Census data related to septic system estimation

Category	New Castle County	Chester County
1990 Census: Number of rural housing units in County	10,335	50,396
1990 Census: Number septic systems in County	12,142	52,493
1990 Census: Rural population in County	29,468	146,612
1990 Estimated number septic systems in Christina River Basin	10,500	42,000
1995 Estimated number septic systems in Christina River Basin	7,041	46,400
1997 DNREC Inventory of septic systems in Christina River Basin	5,455	-
2004 DNREC Inventory of septic systems in Christina River Basin	1,713	-
2005 Estimated number septic systems in Christina River Basin	1,650	55,200
2005 Estimated number of malfunctioning septic systems	17	552
2005 Estimated potential bacteria load (cfu/year)	3.6E+11	1.5E+14

The potential annual bacteria load from malfunctioning as well as properly functioning septic systems was estimated using the data in Table 2-5. According to CCHD (2005), 600 permits are issued for repair work, which is approximately one percent of the total number of septic systems in Chester County. Therefore, it was assumed that at any given time one percent of the septic systems were malfunctioning. The same failure rate was applied to New Castle County.

2.2.2 Agriculture Activities

Land used for agricultural purposes can be a significant source of sediment and bacteria. Runoff from pastures, livestock operations, improper land application of animal wastes, and livestock with access to waterbodies are all potential agricultural sources. Animals grazing in pasturelands deposit manure directly upon the land surface. Even though a pasture may be relatively large, and animal densities low, manure will often be concentrated near the feeding and watering areas in the field. These areas can quickly become barren of plant cover, increasing the possibility of contaminated runoff during a storm event. The occurrence and degree of bacteria loads from livestock are linked to temporally and spatially variable hydrologic factors, such as precipitation and runoff, except when manure is directly deposited into a waterbody (EPA, 2001).

The application of manure that has been improperly composted can contribute bacteria that are conveyed into surface waters during runoff events. The bacterial content of animal waste varies with collection, storage, and application method. Therefore, animal wastes must be handled, stored, utilized and/or disposed of in an efficient way to minimize waterbody impacts. Grazing animals, confined animal operations and manure application are all potential sources of nutrients and bacteria in the Christina River Basin. The inventories of livestock in Chester County and New Castle County from the last three agricultural census periods are shown in Table 2-6.

The monthly-varying fecal coliform bacteria accumulation rates used in the watershed-loading model categorized by land use in Chester County are provided in Table 2-7. The enterococci bacteria accumulation rates broken down by land use for enterococci bacteria for Chester County and New Castle County are given in Tables 2-8 and 2-9, respectively.

Table 2-6. Livestock inventories from 1992, 1997, and 2002 USDA Agriculture Census

Category	C	hester County, I	PA	New Castle County, DE			
	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002	
Cattle and calves	50,795	48,897	41,878	3,446	2,628	2,665	
Hogs and pigs	11,855	2,357	12,860	630	51	86	
Poultry (layers, broilers, turkeys)	734,087	599,360	696,361	209,195	220,308	NA	
Horses and ponies	4,330	5,293	8,597	770	737	833	
Sheep and lambs	3,421	2,154	2,856	238	222	366	

NA = not available

Table 2-7. Fecal coliform bacteria accumulation rates (cfu/acre/day) for Chester County

Land Use	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
RESIDENTIAL-SEPTIC	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07
RESIDENTIAL-SEWER	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06
AGRICULTURAL-COWS	5.1E+09	5.1E+09	2.0E+10	2.0E+10	2.0E+10	2.0E+10
AGRICULTURAL-CROPS	6.1E+09	6.1E+09	9.5E+09	1.0E+10	1.0E+10	1.0E+10
AGRICULTURAL-MUSHROOM	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07
FOREST	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07
OPEN LAND	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07
WETLANDS, WATER	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07
undesignated use	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-residential	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-urban	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07
Land Use	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
RESIDENTIAL-SEPTIC	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07	1.7E+07
RESIDENTIAL-SEWER	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07	2.3E+07
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06	6.2E+06
AGRICULTURAL-COWS	2.0E+10	2.0E+10	2.0E+10	2.0E+10	1.0E+10	5.1E+09
AGRICULTURAL-CROPS	1.0E+10	1.0E+10	1.0E+10	1.0E+10	9.3E+09	6.1E+09
AGRICULTURAL-MUSHROOM	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07
FOREST	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07	7.0E+07
OPEN LAND	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07
WETLANDS, WATER	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07
undesignated use	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07	1.0E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-residential	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-urban	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07	5.0E+07

Table 2-8. Enterococci accumulation rates (cfu/acre/day) for Chester County

Land Use	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
RESIDENTIAL-SEPTIC	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05
RESIDENTIAL-SEWER	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05
AGRICULTURAL-COWS	8.90E+07	8.90E+07	2.50E+08	3.30E+08	3.10E+08	2.90E+08
AGRICULTURAL-CROPS	3.00E+07	3.00E+07	9.00E+07	2.40E+08	2.20E+08	1.20E+08
AGRICULTURAL-MUSHROOM	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+06	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
FOREST	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+07	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06
OPEN LAND	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
WETLANDS, WATER	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
undesignated use	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
ROADS,BUILDING-residential	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-urban	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07
Land Use	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
RESIDENTIAL-SEPTIC	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05
RESIDENTIAL-SEWER	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05
AGRICULTURAL-COWS	2.80E+08	2.80E+08	3.30E+08	2.70E+08	1.90E+08	8.90E+07
AGRICULTURAL-CROPS	1.20E+08	1.20E+08	1.40E+08	4.90E+08	4.60E+08	3.00E+07
AGRICULTURAL-MUSHROOM	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
FOREST	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06
OPEN LAND	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
WETLANDS, WATER	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
undesignated use	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
ROADS,BUILDING-residential	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-urban	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07

Table 2-9. Enterococci accumulation rates (cfu/acre/day) for New Castle County

Land Use	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
RESIDENTIAL-SEPTIC	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05
RESIDENTIAL-SEWER	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05
AGRICULTURAL-COWS	6.10E+08	6.10E+08	2.00E+09	2.00E+09	2.00E+09	2.00E+09
AGRICULTURAL-CROPS	1.20E+07	1.20E+07	2.50E+07	1.30E+08	1.30E+08	3.30E+07
AGRICULTURAL-MUSHROOM	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
FOREST	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06
OPEN LAND	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
WETLANDS, WATER	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
undesignated use	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
ROADS,BUILDING-residential	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-urban	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07
Land Use	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
RESIDENTIAL-SEPTIC	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05	5.50E+05
RESIDENTIAL-SEWER	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05	7.70E+05
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRY	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05	2.00E+05

Land Use	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AGRICULTURAL-COWS	2.00E+09	2.00E+09	2.00E+09	2.00E+09	1.00E+09	6.10E+08
AGRICULTURAL-CROPS	3.20E+07	3.20E+07	3.60E+07	4.00E+08	4.00E+08	1.20E+07
AGRICULTURAL-MUSHROOM	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
FOREST	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06	5.10E+06
OPEN LAND	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
WETLANDS, WATER	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
undesignated use	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05	3.40E+05
ROADS,BUILDING-residential	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07
ROADS,BUILDING-urban	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07	3.40E+07

2.2.3 Wildlife

Wildlife also generates bacteria on the land surfaces and in streams. Wild animals are also assumed to be the only source of bacteria on forested land. A precise estimate of the number of wild animals in the Christina River Basin is not available. Literature and empirical values are used in this study, as shown in Table 2-10, to estimate wild animal population densities for different land use categories. Monthly adjustment factors were used to account for seasonal variations in wild animal populations.

Table 2-10. Estimated wildlife density for associated land uses in Christina River Basin

Wild Animals	Agricutlure-Rowcrop (Animals/sq mile)	Agricutlure-Livestock (Animals/sq mile)	Forest Animals/sq mile)
Ducks	30	30	10
Geese	50	50	0
Deer	0	35	35
Beaver	5	5	10
Raccoons	2.5	2.5	5
Other	320	160	160

2.2.4 Domestic Pets

Domestic pets are potential sources of bacteria in a similar way as wildlife. Cats and dogs can contribute fecal material within the watershed that may find its way into surface waters. This source is more likely in more populated areas where large numbers of pets tend to be found.

A 1999 national study American Pet Products Manufactures Association (APPMA, 1999) reported that 39.1 percent of households own at least one dog and 32.1 percent own at least one cat. The average number of dogs per dog-owning household is 1.41, and the average number for cats is 2.40 per cat-owning household. There are an estimated 149,812 households in the Christina River Basin (US Census Bureau, 2000). Based on the APPMA national study, approximately 58,576 households own dogs and 48,090 households own cats. Using these values results in an estimate of 82,593 dogs and 115,415 cats within the Christina River Basin. The bacteria load from these animals was estimated in the HSPF watershed model runoff from urban and residential areas.